

"How Can I Be a Good Sheep?"
John 10:22-42

Two proofs of Jesus being the Messiah:

1. The works of Jesus.

Our God is a miracle working God!

2. The words of Jesus.

How can I be a good sheep?

1. God's sheep are sensitive to his leadings.
2. God's sheep are eager to obey His commands.

"Consequently faith comes from hearing the message and the message is heard through the word of Christ." Romans 10:17

"What you think is the right road may lead to death." Proverbs 14:12

"Don't always believe everything you hear just because someone says it is a message from God; test it first to see if it really is!" 1 John 4:1

"Anyone who wants to do God's will can test this teaching, and know whether it is from God or whether I'm making it up." John 7:17

Six ways to test as to whether a leading is from God or not:

1. Bible test

Principle: God's voice will never contradict His written word.

"Heaven and earth will pass away but my words will never pass away." Luke 21:33

"Truth stands the test of time." Proverbs 12:19

2. Jesus test

"In your lives you must think and act like Jesus Christ." Philippians 2:5

"If you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition...such 'wisdom' doesn't come from heaven.....but is of the devil. The wisdom that comes from God is...pure, peace loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy, impartial and sincere." James 3:14-17

3. Church test

"God's intent is that through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known." Ephesians 3:10

"The wisdom of the righteous can save you." Proverbs 11:9

"In the multitude of counselors there is safety." Proverbs 11:14

4. Purpose test

"We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10

"God has given each of us the ability to do certain things well." Romans 12:6

5. Conviction test

"There is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus." Romans 8:1

"Those whom I dearly and tenderly love, I tell their faults and convict and discipline. So, be earnest and repent." Revelation 3:19

"Satan is the accuser of believers." Revelation 12:10

6. Peace test

"God is not the author of confusion." 1 Corinthians 14:33

"Don't worry about anything. Instead pray about everything. Tell God what you need and thank Him for all that He's done. If you do this you will experience God's peace which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and your minds as you live in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6,7

"Let the peace of God rule in your hearts." Colossians 3:15

Principle: The secret of hearing God is getting to know him better and better each day.

How can you listen to God?

1. By being still
2. By inviting God to speak to you

"Lord, I invite you to speak to me by your Holy Spirit."

3. By expecting God to speak to you